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THE OYEN NEWS

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VOL. 4 No 42

OYEN, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th. 1917.

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Attention!

MON! BUT IT'S COLD.

Not if you have a

GOOD CHEER HEATER

We have a full line of
Heaters and Ranges.
Come in and let us
show you.

Get your Xmas Goods Early.

Acheson Hardware
Opposite the Bank of Toronto

The Oyen Hardware Company Ltd.

Cut Glass, Clafferton Gundy Co's make.
Community Silverware, Ecker Pattern.
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Pocket Knives. Cutlery.
Clarke's Foot-warmer.
"Automobile" and "Cycle" Ice Skates.
Flash Lights. Ingersol Watches.
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Aluminium Ware. Enamelled Ware.

Oyen Hardware Co., Ltd.

Under New Management.

Oyen Pool and Billiard Hall.

We have the best assortment of
Pipes, Cigarette and Cigar Holders
and Cases, and Smokers' requisites
in town.

**Suitable for Xmas Presents.
Look them over. The Quality
is high and prices low.**

LARGE

Selection of Fancy Boxes of Chocolates

Suitable for Mother, the Best Girl,
or any Other Girl.

Come in and get acquainted.

Hutcheon & Johnston.

Local Items

Holland Canada Mortgage Co
Money to lend on improved
farms at a rate of eight per cent.
F. McCleah, barrister, is agent
for the Oyen district.

Gold crowns, inlays and arti-
ficial teeth and special atten-
tion to bridgework, Dr. Taylor,
Alaska.

The Sunday school will give
an entertainment and Christ-
mas tree in the Union Church,
Friday evening, Dec 21st. Chor-
uses, drills, songs and recita-
tions will be given by the chil-
dren. A silver collection will be
taken. Everybody welcome.

Rev G. A. Steele, who is now
pastor of a Church at Alderson,
Alta. was a visitor in town last
week. It will be remembered
that Rev. Steele left the ministry
and enlisted in the University
Corp at Toronto but after train-
ing for several months he was
honorably discharged on account
of illhealth.

W. Weeks of Fairacres re-
turned last Saturday from Cal-
gary where he has been on a
business trip.

Mr. Coldweather says now is
the time to get your tires vul-
canized. In the spring you will
have to wait your turn. Blipes
Tire Repair Co.

Arthur Fox, manager of the
Johnstone Clothier store made
a business trip to Moose last
Thursday.

Mrs. G. E. Hucker and Mrs.
A. K. Hounstreet of Cappon, who
has been visiting in Indiana re-
turned last Thursday.

A party including Messrs.
Holt and Alec Gillespie and
Sylvester Hamilton of Seal dis-
trict, left on Friday for Glas-
gow, Ont. where they will spend
the winter.

Archie McQuarrie left last
week for Ontario.

Andrew Wendling left for
Kitchener, Ont. Tuesday.

Rev. Mrs. L. E. Barnes and
youngest son, left week for
Niagara, Nebraska, where they
will visit Mr. Barnes' parents and
then they will go to south-
ern South Dakota for a short
time.

Jas Sheridan left on Tuesday
for Orillia Ont. where he will
visit relatives.

J. Longeway left yesterday
for Chicago and other points
east.

Felix Healy sold his half sec-
tion of land and stock for the
sum of \$8,700 to Geo. Jackson
of Eyebrow, Sask. Mr. Healy
and family left last Monday for
Windsor, Ont. where they will
spend the winter.

W. A. Tears of Youngstown
has taken over the Agency for
Massey Harris farm and im-
plements at Oyen.

Born.—To Mr and Mrs John
McKenzie of Oyen on Thursday,
Dec 13th, a daughter.

Diseased mouths are the cause
of ill-health and many troubles,
have your teeth examined, Dr.
Taylor, Alaska.

We deeply regret to announce
that Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Kelly's
infant son passed away last
Monday morning, Dec. 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hus-
cock expect to leave tomorrow
morning for Winnipeg where
they will spend a two month's
vacation.

A. L. Sifton Elected. 1800 Majority.

The election campaign is over
and from the election returns
show that the Union Govern-
ment will have a majority of
about forty. A. L. Sifton,
Union Candidate for the Medi-
cine Hat riding, was returned
with a majority of 1800.

Alberta Standing.

Unionists	10
Liberals	0
Doubtful	2

The following is a list of re-
turns up to time of going to
press:

Unionist Seats.

West Edmonton,	Gen. Griesbach	900
East Edmonton,	H. A. Mackie	1,200
Battle River,	W. J. Blair	500
Strathcona,	J. M. Douglas	1,200
Red Deer,	Dr. M. Clark	1,000
E. Calgary,	Maj. Redman	2,208
W. Calgary,	T. M. Tweedie	3,044
Lethbridge,	W. A. Buchanan	1,700
Medicine Hat,	Hon. A. L. Sifton	1,900
Macleod,	Hugh M. Shaw	1,100

Doubtful Seats.

Bow River—Returns very
slow and results uncertain.
Viceroy—W. H. White lead-
ing by 40 majority.

Another Business Man Sells Out

Last week Charlie Wilson
sold his interest in the Oyen
Billiard Hall to Messrs. Hutch-
inson and Johnson both of Cal-
gary. We understand that Mr
Wilson will leave shortly for
the States where he will visit
his ain folk.

Mr Wilson was an early set-
tler in these parts having home-
steaded near here. Previous to
taking over the Billiard Hall he
was in the butcher business
with Mr Westby. About two
years ago Mr Wilson bought
the Billiard Hall and since he
became proprietor he has made
considerable improvements
both in the building and man-
agement. "Charley" has made
many friends in Oyen and the
news of his departure will be
received with regret by all who
knew him.

The adjourned annual meet-
ing of the Oyen Agricultural
Society will be held today at
the Municipal Office, Oyen.

J. Howard Alexander has re-
ceived the appointment of
Official Reeve for Village of
Oyen for the ensuing year.

Benton Items

Benton Bros have sold their
lumber business to Leach and
Co. Mr Walker will run the busi-
ness for the new firm.

Last Monday the election for
councillors for this division was
held in Allan Dentons office,
notwithstanding the bitter
weather a large number of
voters turned out, among them
six Ladies. The result of the
voting was W. C. Fyfe 20 T.
Jones 18 votes.

Amongst the Benton residents
going East for the winter are
A. and W. M. Denton, M. Baker
and Duncan Patterson.

We thank you for your
Patronage during the past
year, and take this oppor-
tunity of wishing you, one
and all a

Very Merry Christmas
and a
Happy & Prosperous
New Year.

S. A. Miller & Co.
and Staff.

Quarter Section of Land
in Oyon District,
70 Acres Broken.

SNAP for Quick Cash
Sale.

TEN DOLLARS AN ACRE.

J. HOWARD ALEXANDER,
Business Broker & Notary Public,

Main Street,

Oyen, Alta.

WATCH FOR OUR AD.
NEXT WEEK.

We wish to take this opportunity of thank-
ing our customers for their patronage during the
past year and wish each and everyone a

Merry Christmas
and a **Prosperous New Year.**

C. P. JOHNSON,

MEN'S OUTFITTER,

OYEN

W. H. U. 118

Optimist—After all, would change your lot?
Pessimist—"Give me the tax it?"—Judge.

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1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.



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A circular metal counter, likely for a cigarette pack, with the text "COUNTER ROLLS" at the top and "G&B SANI-WRAPPERS" at the bottom. The center of the counter is dark and appears to have some faint, illegible markings.

HAMILTON, CANADA
OFFICES AND WAREHOUSES AT TORONTO, MONTREAL, WINNIPEG and VANCOUVER.

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THE OYEN NEWS

OYEN, ALBERTA

Wednesday, December 19

Food Question.

Until now ships, which are now under construction, become available as cargo carriers the Allies must depend upon the North American continent for wheat and flour. Europe must import 20,000,000 bushels of wheat, or the equivalent in flour, before the next harvest.

The United States has not one bushel more than would be required for normal consumption in that country, and Canada has only a surplus of 110,000,000 bushels.

There is wheat in Argentina, in Australia, in New Zealand, but without more shipping it cannot be moved. North America must supply almost the entire wheat needs of the Allies, at least for the next three or four months. The Allied nations in Europe had completely exhausted all accessible reserves when the 1917 crop became available. Unfortunately the new harvest of France was less than half the production of a normal year before the war. The Italian crop was also much below the average. Both these countries have required larger amounts of foodstuffs from this continent than was anticipated and their needs will continue.

The geographical position of Canada and the United States in its relation to the Allies makes it imperative that the continent should provide the food which must be forthcoming during the next few months if we are to have fairly understood the situation. The essentials are:

1. The Allies must be fed.
2. They have in their own countries only a fraction of the food required for their own people.
3. Until the shipping shortage is relieved, several months hence, the Allies must depend upon Canada and the United States to make up their deficiency of essential food supplies, including wheat.

4. Canada and the United States can only spare the needed supplies by reducing their own consumption by at least 20 per cent.

5. If Canada and the United States should fail to make up the Allies' deficiency of food, the soldiers would have to go short and the whole allied cause might be endangered.

6. Individual effort, individual saving of individual spoonful of flour, individual economy in the use of lard and flour and individual substitution of other cereals for wheat alone can save the situation and give to the men at the front the support which they must have.

While a freight train was switching near the Aerial elevator yesterday one of the cars left the track and smashed into the elevator with the result that the annex to the elevator was moved off the foundation and considerable damage was done.

Mr McDonald of Rose town, Sask. is manager of the Beaver Lumber yards here during Mr Hancock's absence.

The stores will keep open until nine every evening up till Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm McAllister are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Kerr.



This photograph, brought new to America by an American who has spent the last three years in Germany and Belgium, shows a squad of British prisoners at work on trench construction back of the German lines in France.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

IMPROVED FAIRM SNAP west half Section 7-27-4, west of 4th meridian, Oyen district, improved, with well 60 feet deep. For particulars see or write owner at 311 Sixth Avenue, Saskatoon, Sask.

FOR SALE—A good Organ, in first-class condition. Price and terms apply News Office.

FOR SALE—Horse Cutter, Buggy and Harness. The horse is young and a good single driver. A snap for cash. Fred Thompson, 11-27-5, Oyen.

FOR SALE—Ford car in good condition. Will trade for horses or cattle. Chas. Hart, Oyen.

STRAVED—From any place a red and white steer calf with muzzle on Information Box 17, Oyen.

LOST—One cow, red, seal on left rib, eyesight not very good. \$2 reward. Pete Hart, Capien, Alta.

FOR SALE—One cow, store \$8.00; one new dining room table \$10.00; two arm chairs \$8.00. P. H. Peterson, Oyen.

HOME VISITORS

EXCURSIONS

TO
United States Points
Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Kansas City and other points

December Excursion and Home Visitors' Excursion tickets on sale daily from December 1 to 31; first-class tickets good for 3 months. Choice of routes. Information and tickets from any Agent, Canadian Northern Railway or write H. Creelman, Gen. Pass. Agent, Winnipeg

Donald McKay,
General Blacksmith

We Guarantee Satisfaction

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Oyen - - Alta.

Massey-Harris Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

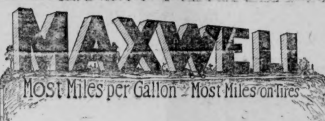
The Massey-Harris Co. beg to inform the farmers of Oyen and district that their Agency for this district is now represented by W. A. TEARE, who will have on hand at all times a full and complete supply of implements and repairs.

2' and 2 1-2" SLEIGHS IN STOCK.

W. A. Teare,

Agent,

Oyen.



Save Gasoline—Save Tires —Drive a Maxwell Car

The automobile has suddenly become more than a necessity in passenger service.

We must go about from place to place to carry on our part of the world's work.

We can no more get along without motor cars than we can without the telephone or the telephone.

But motor cars to-day must be light, durable, economical.

The Maxwell has always been light, durable, economical—made so to meet an immense, sensible demand that has existed all the time.

To-day that demand is universal.

Don't take any chances.

Buy a Maxwell—the standardized car whose economy and durability have been proved.

Touring Car \$1045, Roadster \$1045, Coupe \$1540
Berlin \$1540, Sedan \$1540. F. O. B. Windsor

B. H. DIAL, - OYEN, ALTA.



Xmas! Xmas!

Our stock of Xmas presents is now complete. Ladies and Gent's Watches and Wrist Watches. Necklaces and Lavalieres from \$2.50 to \$35.00

Bracelets for the Baby and for the Lady. Brooches in Solid Gold and Gold Filled.

Silverware and Genuine Cut Glass in the latest designs. Cut glass consists of Water Sets, Bowls, Sugar and Creams, Sauce Dishes. Don't overlook our Silver Deposit Ware in Brown Betty Tea Sets, Glass and China Ware.

J. W. Crockett - Jeweler & Optician
Marriage License Issued

EXCURSIONS

EAST

WEST

SOUTH

Canadian

Northern

FARMER'S VACATION TIME.

The farmer's vacation time is here—all farmers take a vacation—if they do not, they certainly should. Vacation time, of course, means a holiday and a change of surroundings. A change from the general routine, which most of us have become so accustomed to, even a change of face is sometimes anything but uninteresting. Take a trip—somewhere—anywhere—and just mention your intention to the nearest Canadian Northern agent we'll do the rest, and we'll do it right. We have them all—the Service—Equipment—Dining Car service—Standard Sleeping Cars—Newest and Best of Tourist Cars and Day Coaches, electric lighted with every latest improvement, all of which with the convenience of the attendant make up a service that Canadians are likely to mention when talking of a vacation in a boatfulmost. ASK FOR PAMPHLETS

F. E. TODD, Agent, Oyen.

The New Meat Market

Next door to the Delicatessen

Fresh, Salted and Smoked Meats
Best prices paid for Hides

C. E. BEARD

PACIFIC COAST CURSIONS



Vancouver, Victoria & New Westminster
\$41.95 RETURN FROM OYEN

SUMMER TIME ON THE COAST

Just a few miles away on our Pacific Coast, other folks are enjoying the temperature and sports of summer. Boating and fishing and sunbathing outdoors while its pretty cold on the prairie.

FARES GREATLY REDUCED

Pacific Coast Excursion Tickets are on sale Dec. 2 to 8, 1917, Jan. 8 to 12, 1918, and Feb. 2 to 9 '18. All tickets good to return up to April 28. To New Westminster, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, or any other point on the Pacific Coast that appeals to you.

We have the best equipment, Dining Car Service, Standard Sleeping Cars, and select Tourist Cars and Day Coaches, Electric Lighted, Observation Cars.

Show a little interest in life and take a holiday. Just mention your intention to local agent, and he will be glad to assist you in every way possible in arranging details of trip. Ask for Pamphlet.

F. E. TODD, Agent C.N.R., Oyen.

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FIRST-CLASS TICKETS
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LIGHTED TRAINS

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From Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Brandon and Winnipeg To TORONTO

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BETWEEN

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December 1 to January 5

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"Are You Doing Your Bit?"
Our men have shown that they have the courage to fight. Have you the courage to save?
Start a BANK OF TORONTO Savings Account, and add to it as you are able. It will not only provide you with the interest on your surplus funds but it will assist you to perform a national duty. Money may be withdrawn as required.

Oyen Branch
B. E. KELLY, Manager.

Oyen Harness and Shoe Store

Now is the season for
Horse Blankets
Robes, Lined Mitts, Gloves
and Pullovers, Overshoes
and Rubbers
We have a good assortment
Harness, Shoe Repairs and special orders
receive prompt attention.
Thos. Thompson,
The Harness Boot and Shoe Store
OYEN, Alberta

Oyen Meat Market



We can give you the best
Fresh Meat
Also the best Brands in
Smoked Meats
Fresh Fish every Thursday and
Friday
Meat Kept on Ice

Couper & Holloway
Proprietors
OYEN, ALTA.

When a Man's Single,

A Comedy lasting two and one-half hours.

Presented by
The Excel Dramatic Society -
At Excel, Thursday, Dec. 20th, 1917,
At Eight-Thirty Sharp.

Admission 75 cents. Reserved Seats \$1.00. Children 25 cents.
First Two Rows Reserved for the Children.
Reserved Seat Tickets on sale at C. R. Bishop's, Excel and The Oyen News Office.
General Admission to be taken at the door.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Maternity Home

Prices Reasonable

Mrs. E. J. STILLINGS,
Prop.
Oyen, Alta.

John P. Kerr
Veterinary Surgeon
Graduate of Ontario
Veterinary College.
Main St. Oyen, Alta.

F. C. McClean
Barrister, Solicitor,
Notary Public
Agent for Canadian Mortgage Co. and Netherlands Transatlantic Mortgage Company
Oyen Alberta

J. J. Kelly, L. L. B.
Barrister, Solicitor and
Notary Public
Money to Loan
Oyen, Alberta

Doctor Lackner
Dentist
Graduate of Toronto and Philadelphia Colleges
Dr. Lackner, dentist, will open his office here for the first twenty-four days of each month after September first.

W. M. ROBBE,
Licensed Auctioneer
Terms and date can be had on application by calling at the Oyen News Office or writing to Maryland, Alta.

W. OSTRANDER,
Paper Hanger and Painter
Terms Reasonable.
Oyen, Alta.

Edward Shaw
Experienced
Auctioneer and Valuer
License for Alberta and Saskatchewan
Benton, Alberta.

Sacred Heart Church.
Mass will be held in the Sacred Heart Church on Christmas Eve Dec 25th and Christmas morning at 7 and 10 A. M.

Rev. W. F. Bowlen.
OYEN METHODIST CHURCH
Next Sunday
Preaching Service 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 2:30 p.m.
Boys 11 a.m.
Benton School 3:00 p.m.
Rev. S. D. Webster, Pastor

Local Items

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kelly, on Thursday, December 15th, a son.
S. B. Lawrence of Saskatoon, Sask., is a visitor in town this week.

W. Yakes of Cuppon, purchased the residence of W. V. Miller this week. Mr. Yakes and family will reside in Oyen during the winter months.

"Bud" Sigurdson left on Sunday for Vancouver, where he will visit relatives previous to enlisting in the military forces.

E. Budd has accepted a position on the staff of the Peterson Motor Co., for the coming year. A sewing meeting of the members of the Oyen Red Cross Society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Desno, on Thursday afternoon, December 20th.

"Eat less wheat, meat, sugar and fat, to save for the Army and our Allies," says the Food Controller. "Eat more corn, oats and rye products, fish and poultry, fruits vegetables and potatoes, baked, boiled and broiled foods."

Halifax Aid Fund.

The Comptrollers of Oyen have started a Halifax Aid Fund and have made arrangements with the local banks to collect from anyone who so desires to donate. The subscription list has already started and from donations already received show that this fund has been generously responded to. The need for help is surely great and it is the duty of every loyal Canadian to help in any way they can for sufferers in that devastated city. It does not matter how small your donation may be, yet if everyone in our district responds to this appeal the total realized contribution to a considerable sum. The following is a list of subscriptions received:
Thos. Lees, \$20.00
W. J. Affleck, 5.00
J. W. Snell, 5.00
Oyen Clothing Store, 5.00
G. F. Robinson, 2.00
W. W. Ireland, 5.00

Marriages

OLSEN-DUFFIELD
At the Methodist Parsonage, Oyen on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, Mr. Oscar M. Olsen of Helmsdale, was united in marriage to Miss Minnie O. Duffield of Cereal. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. D. Webster.

COOK-BUTLER

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Methodist Parsonage, Oyen on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, when Miss Emma E. Butler and Clarence B. Cook both of Oyen were united in marriage. After the ceremony the happy couple left for Iowa where they will spend the honeymoon.

JARMIN-DOTY

On Monday, Dec. 10th, Miss Elizabeth E. Doty of Youngstown, Iowa and Mr. John Jarmin of Fairview, Alta., were united in marriage. Rev. S. D. Webster of Oyen performed the ceremony.

NORRIS-DIEHL

Saturday, December 15th was the occasion of a very pretty and pleasing event in the marriage of Douglas Fred Norris to Miss Charlotte Jessie Diehl both of Calcutta. The nuptial knot was tied at the Methodist parsonage, Oyen by Rev. S. D. Webster.

The following selected quarters, most of which are in this immediate district are for sale on exceptionally easy terms:

SE 20-24-7 W 1/4	SW 25-6 W 1/4	SE 10-32-1 W 1/4
NE 10-27-2 W 1/4	NW 32-25-5 W 1/4	NW 13-36-4 W 1/4
SE 12-34-1 W 1/4	NW 22-34-5 W 1/4	NW 22-29-2 W 1/4
NE 1-38-23 W 3/4	SE 34-32-36 W 3/4	SE 10-29-3 W 1/4
NW 17-32-27 W 3/4	NE 30-32-28 W 3/4	SE 10-32-28 W 3/4
NE 33-28-10 W 3/4	SE 33-25-28 W 3/4	

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J. Howard Alexander

Oyen,

Alberta

Caroli & Wright

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At Lower Barn, opposite Red Sentry Garage

Announcement

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Next to the Alberta Livery Barn

Your Business Solicited

Clink & MacLachlan

Oyen, : ; ; Alberta

ADVERTISE IN THE OYEN NEWS

Fire Insurance

Is a very important matter now the cold weather is here. No matter whether you live in town or on the farm experience has shown that you cannot afford to carry your own risk. Besides your financial standing is more favorably considered where all your buildings are insured.

Give it your attention before it is too late and consult—

Swenson & Lees

AGENT FOR

New York Underwriters Agency
AND
Canadian Fire Insurance Company
Office next door to Harness Shop.

COLD WEATHER

Get that 2000 lbs. of summer time in a ton of Midland or Atlas coal at

Beaver Lumber Company

H. Hancock,

Manager.

"Your Lumbermen"

Good Driving Outfits - - For Livery.

We beg to inform the people of Oyen, that we are now in the Draying Business and solicit a share of your patronage. Prices Reasonable.

A. GIBSON
Proprietor

- To Our Customers -

We desire to take this opportunity of thanking all our customers for their patronage during the past year, And wish them a
Happy Christmas
And a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Acadia Delicatessen.

THE REX CAFE

We have just opened for business our up-to-date Restaurant and Boarding House on Main street. The **REX CAFE** will serve good meals at all hours of the day at moderate prices. We also have several rooms to rent.

SAM WONG, Prop.

Look to the Future of Your Tires.

Will your tires come to an early end, attended by cuts, dirt and moisture, with a boot on the inside.

Now is the time to settle the while your car is laid up for the winter.

Or have your tires retreaded and relined at the cost of \$12.90 and we will guarantee 2000 miles.

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a Five Franc Note for \$1.00**

Can be used to buy little comforts close behind the Firing Lines.
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**BANK of HAMILTON
OYEN BRANCH**
G. J. Gibson, Manager

Hollingshead Bros. Coming to Oyen.

On Friday Jan 4th at Oyen the concert going public will be given one of the rarest treats that we have ever had in our city. Mere mention of the name of "Hollingshead" guarantees the excellence of the program. It is seldom one family produces two such artists as the Hollingshead Brothers. Nature has fitted them both temperamentally and physically for their work. They are both exponents of the Italian School and have both studied under the same masters, hence it is not to be wondered at that critics all agree that seldom has such a blending of two voices been heard. One forgets that two people sing and only feel that it is one glorious instrument producing the tones. They sing that extremely difficult but yet beautiful duet "The Pearl Fishers" by Biset, so seldom seen on any program, besides others which are better known. Redferne Hollingshead will give ample proof of not only his right to the title "Canada's Greatest Tenor" but that he is one of the world's greatest tenors.

Harold Hollingshead will demonstrate his wonderful versatility, for his character sketches in costume prove him to be as fine an actor as a singer.

Gerald Moore is the pianist and accompanist and rounds out a program of exceptional standard.

The seats have been moderately priced at \$1.00, reserved seat plan is being handled at Whitlock's Barber Shop.

Opera House - Oyen -

Moving Pictures
Every Night commencing
To-night Wednesday

Special For
Christmas Eve
CHARLIE CHAPLIN
"ONE A.M."

See Posters

Admission 35c and 15c

News from the Front

The following is an extract from a letter received from Pte Chas L. Dunford former editor of the Oyen News. Pte Dunford has been in France about two months now and at the time of writing was in a rest camp behind the lines, but expects to move into the front line trenches very soon.

"During the past week I have had two very fine Christmas parcels - one from the Red Cross and the other from the Peterson Family. Needless to say both were much appreciated.

"Since coming over, just over two months ago, we have moved round quite a bit and have seen something of rural France. It is interesting to make mental comparisons of the methods here and in Canada.

I have seen several of the ruined towns and villages and their condition almost beggars description. And have been on the line on two of the most historical fronts.

"If a man ever gets out of this safely he surely should appreciate a home, and all that it means. I know I shall, and it will take some terrific force to pry me away from a cosy fire-side.

"I saw 'Mac' McGill a few weeks ago. He is up in the line at the present time. Also have seen Fred Morrison who is very well, and has a job in a Battalion Dressing station.

"McConnell is still in England. A hospital in Epsom. In case the Red Cross People did not have his address here it is 383152 Pte E. J. McConnell, Hut 714 Division, Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Surrey, England.

I have not heard anything of Charles Stewart since he left England or rather since the first draft left his battalion. (He went to the 292 from the 187th).

Expect we will be moving up in the line again soon. Something to look forward to. I don't think!"

W. C. Hoskins left this morning for Calgary where he will spend Christmas with his family.

The Food Controller is being given authority to license dealers in food supplies, and a general plan of licensing is being prepared. Before it is applied to any particular trade, representatives of that trade will be consulted.

School closes on Friday for Christmas holidays and will open again January 7th.

Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

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Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country, and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

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